

Arlington Cultural Council Minutes

March 12, 2018, 7:30-9pm

Town Hall Annex, 1st Floor Conference Room

Attendance:

| Member Name | Present? | Member Name | Present? |
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| Kimberley Harding, Co-Chair | YES | Asia Kepka | no |
| David Harris, Publicity Coordinator | YES | Lisbet Taylor, Co-Chair | YES |
| Becky Holmes-Farley, Corresponding Secretary | YES | Jeff Timperi, Treasurer | YES |

Meeting was called to order at 7:35p

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes – February 12 minutes were approved with 1 correction.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - 2016 grant: Old Schwamb Mill – A final Request for Reimbursement with documentation was never received, in response to David's query. The grant of \$400 will therefore revert back to the ACC available-funds pool. It was determined that Ed Gordon need not be contacted again, as the deadline for reimbursement has passed.
 - Family Folk Chorale – revised proposal. As this proposal was deemed a different project rather than a revision, and largely requests funds for music books, it was decided that Jeff will ask them to attend ACC's next meeting on April 9, to provide more details about venue, scope and budget.
3. Corresponding Secretary/Grantee Status Report
 - Should/do liaisons attend their grantee performances free of charge? Liaisons can be reimbursed for attendance, if grantee charges admission.
 - The grantee list below was brought up-to-date with performance dates and status.
4. Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture (ACAC): ACC to become Subcommittee, in keeping with MCC regulations.
 - March 19 is the docket date with the Select Board for ACAC's revised warrant article, outlining the new structure. Lisbet had requested that Arreen Andrew, ACC's MCC contact be informed of the new structure, to make sure MCC rules and mandates are being followed.
 - A phone conversation took place today with Arreen, Lisbet and Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Co-Chair of ACAC. Arreen said MCC's new initiative being rolled out on 3/17, is to have Local Cultural Councils (LCC) become lead agency; she asked that the warrant be delayed, which it cannot, given Town Meeting scheduling. Since Arlington has been unfolding in this manner, an enormous amount of work has been done by ACAC to make this umbrella organization for the arts and culture in town happen, and ACAC is following the structure of Easthampton City Arts+, as originally prompted by MCC, Arreen stated she would like to be kept apprised of developments; she will also bring in Meri Jenkins, head of MCC Cultural Districts, as Arlington was recently designated as such.
 - To date, ACC has not been receiving ACAC meeting minutes, and feels it needs to be in the loop.

5. SPRING RECEPTION -- APRIL 23 (Date of Town Meeting)

- **Location:** Robbins Library Community Room

- **Time: Set-up: 5pm;** Event: 6:30-8pm

- Details of PLANNING

Budget: Approximately \$300

Music: 1 person? – Possibilities: Quinn Eastburn (Family Folk Chorale); or **Arlington High School jazz trio (Dave knows students** -- \$50 each would be appropriate.) Play first 45” of reception.

Food: Asia was taking the lead. Due to a death in the family, she has to go overseas. **Dave** will now take it on, to **canvas the same providers** of free offerings as last year: Trader Joe’s, Not Your Average Joe’s, Anthony’s East Side Deli and FoodLink. **Kimberley w/send him the necessary letter.**

Invitation: **Kimberley** created a design. **Dave will use Mailchimp** to send it out.

Christopher Ellinger of True Story, Inc. might act as **Emcee** and read project descriptions for those grantees not present or not comfortable presenting.

Kimberley will send grantees a “Save the Date” email, asking if each would like to make a 2-minute presentation about their project, including a write-up re the possibility of **bringing something floral.**

Set-up: Library agreed to provide podium + mike; (**Dave will bring a microphone** as a Plan B).

Kimberley and Lisbet w/write a **welcome.**

Publicity: Dave w/send an announcement to ACC mailing list. Add Arreen Andrew + ACAC members.

Jeff w/contact **ACMI** re potentially videographing it.

| Grantee | Project Title | Award | Liaison | Date | W-9 | Grant Agrmt | Final Rept | Notes |
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| Arlington Center for the Arts | I'm New Here: Perspectives on Migration | \$800 | Becky | No date certain -- Fall 2018 | yes | yes | | |
| Arlington Center for the Arts | Artist Survival Series | \$500 | Becky | 3/10; 3/24 ;4/14 | yes | yes | | At Old Schwamb Mill. Kimberley & Becky attended on 3/10. It had 27 attendees and was very well presented. |
| Arlington Cultural Council | Art in Windows Initiative | \$793 | Asia | May | yes | yes | | 4 adults + 2 teenagers |
| Arlington Philharmonic Soc. | Almost-Spring Concert | \$1,000 | Dave | Mar. 11 | yes | yes | | COMPLETED |
| Arlington Public Art | Pathways: Art on the Minuteman Bikeway | \$1,000 | Dave | April-Nov 2018 | yes | yes | | |
| Claudia Donnet | Middle Eastern Dance | \$600 | Jeff | Fall 2018 | | | | outstanding |
| Courtney Sundell | Public Art at Magnolia Park | \$500 | Kimberley | Summer 2018 | | | | Outstanding – waiting to hire artists. Call for artists went out. |
| Cyrus Dallin Art Museum | Restoration and Unveiling | \$1,000 | Kimberley | Jan-June 2018 | ? | ? | | Restoration is going well. Talk in June at Lyons Room, ATH. |

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| Dan Fox | Workshop and Jam Session | \$1,500 | Jeff | Apr. 28-29, 2018 | yes | yes | | |
| Delvena Theatre | Isabella | \$400 | Lisbet | Nov. 8 | | | | Outstanding - LT emailed her grant agreement 2/26, at her request. |
| Emily Calvin-Bottis | Talking Chair | \$774 | Kimberley | April-Oct 2018 | yes | yes | | All things going well. 20 poets have contacted them. |
| Family Folk Chorale | Family Folk Chorale | \$750 | Jeff | 2018 | | | | Outstanding. Revised project being considered. |
| Gail McCormick | Our Changing Town | \$800 | Lisbet | Mar 20-Apr 26 - Reception March 22 | yes | yes | | Reception: March 22 – ATH 2nd Flr., 5-7p . Dave, please put on FB. |
| Marion Carroll | Music to Cure MS | \$500 | Asia | ? | yes | yes | | |
| Paul Marotta | Arlington Seniors Story Wall | \$1,500 | Asia | 10/22/18 | yes | yes | | Monday 10/22 is new date. Up for 2 months. |
| Robbins Library | Arlington Author Salon | \$900 | Asia | Quarterly | | | | Asia w/contact re forms |
| Thompson School PTO | Art of Ancient Greece and Rome | \$595 | Dave | Jan-2018 | yes | yes | yes | COMPLETED. |
| Tommy Rull | A Musical Journey Through the Years | \$150 | Becky | March 29 | yes | yes | | Dave, please put on FB. |
| True Story Inc. | The Listening Project | \$1,000 | Lisbet | Spring 2018 (4 events) | yes | yes | | Last year's final event rescheduled to May 1 (due to major snowstorm on 3.13). |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Upcoming Grantee Events:

- Gail McCormick, March 20-April 26, MARCH 22 Reception, Arlington Town Hall, 2nd Flr., 5-7pm.
- Artist Survival Series, Old Schwamb Mill, MARCH 24 and April 14, 2018
- Tommy Rull, Musical Journey, Arlington Senior Center, MARCH 29, 2018, 1-2pm
- Dan Fox, Workshop and Jam Session, April 28-29, 2018

Next ACC Meetings:

April 9 – Town Hall Annex First Floor Conference Room 7:30-9 pm

April 23 – Grantee Reception, Robbins Library Community Room: Set-up 5pm; Event 6:30-8pm

May 14 – Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room 7:30-9 pm